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New problems seen delaying resolution of Nabatiya crisis

By ANAN SAFADI, Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Nabatiya crisis still appears from a resolution. Although the forces from the area, fresh from the recent fighting, are already moving back to the front lines, the crisis is unlikely to be entirely resolved before the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is due to visit the area tomorrow on the first of a station Middle East tour. The crisis will also take him to Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

There is also the issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization forces, whom the Syrians have allowed to remain in a number of southern Lebanese bastions. One of these is the ancient Crusader fortress of Beaufort, which is equipped with 155 mm. Howitzers overlooking the border with Israel.

A more immediate controversy is over the Syrian intention to replace their troops in the Nabatiya region with units from the "Vanguards of the Lebanese Army." This army, made up of the remnants of Lebanon's disintegrated armoured and air forces, was reorganized by Damascus to fight alongside the Syrians in the last phase of Lebanon's 20-month civil war.

Rabin: Syrian moves meant test us and Carter

Sir, — On Jerusalem Post Reporter Yitzhak Rabin told the Odeh Brigade yesterday that the Syrians had moved their battalion south to the Nabatiya area in order to gain a psychological and psychological advantage, rather than a military one, and their direct presence in the area would be a test of the U.S. and Israel's resolve.

Making it clear, in this way, that the "understanding" between Israel, Syria and Lebanon had only been reached in its first stage, Rabin did not say that the Syrians planned to return to their original line, although he stressed that such would remain Israel's demand.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon surveyed the various diplomatic contacts held since the Syrian battalion first moved south to Nabatiya. The IDF intelligence chief Ahuf Shlomo Gazit surveyed the situation in the field, now that the Syrians were on the move. Defence Minister Shimon Peres said the pullback could and indeed must help ease tensions in southern Lebanon.

Rhodesian defence minister quits — victim of unpopular call-up

Reginald Cowper day announced his resignation as defence minister, becoming a level political casualty of the call-up of his own troops.

The resignation came amid widespread accusations, even by Parliament members of Smith's Rhodesian Front Party, that the government is not providing sufficient leadership as Rhodesia seeks an acceptable majority rule settlement.

In recent weeks, the acrimonious nation-wide controversy has focused on the measures introduced by Cowper's ministry to put more fighting men in the bush.

Unmen snatch IL820,000 from Thuva manager

Armed robbers off with IL820,000 yesterday in daylight holdup of three clerks on their way to the bank.

The driver of the Ford covered the victims with a pistol. The sacks contained IL820,000 in cash and IL600,000 in cheques.

Counting the weekend's receipts when two masked men entered his office. One held a pistol on him while the other seized the money. The two then ran off. Gerbus snatched a pistol from his desk and shot at the two, but missed.

Gov't greets Vance, due in Jerusalem tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government yesterday extended a formal welcome to the new U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, due in Jerusalem tomorrow at the start of a Middle East tour.

Foreign Minister Allon had told the Cabinet earlier that the visit would probably be more of a getting-acquainted foray than a round of substantive negotiations.

Israel, said Allon, will restate its basic positions — favouring overall peace talks as the best alternative at this stage but prepared, too, for end-of-the-line talks. Israel will stress its conviction that the only viable solution to the Palestinian problem is the Jordanian solution.

The ILP's Moshe Kol (Tourism) and Mapam's Victor Shemtov (Health), who had demanded a Cabinet discussion on the entire Palestine issue, were persuaded to wait till next Sunday's Cabinet session when Rabin promised this would head the agenda.

Plot to blow up Vance plane

A plot to blow up the plane of State Secretary Vance's jetliner when he visits Beirut this week has been uncovered in Lebanon, the newspaper "Al-Kabab" reported here yesterday.

Quoting travellers from Lebanon, the paper said that the plotters, members of the dissident "Black June" terrorist group, were rounded up by members of Fatah and the pro-Syrian Sa'aka.

According to the newspaper, the plotters had planned their attack for Friday, when Vance is due to arrive in Beirut as part of his Middle East tour.

At a press conference in Holon yesterday, Nitzav Moasha Tiomkin, commander of the Tel Aviv district police, described how four men had robbed the "Hasayarin" petrol station in Holon and murdered the night watchman. He said they overpowered Sajar al-Harini and, with a crowbar, removed the safe which was imbedded in the concrete floor.

Accord reached on wage-price freeze

Gov't—Histadrut in late night parley

By GIDION ESHET, Post Economic Reporter

Representatives of the Government and the Histadrut last night reached agreement on a moratorium on wages, taxes and prices, which will remain in effect until the end of June.

This was reported to The Jerusalem Post last night by participants in the negotiating session which took place at the Prime Minister's Office in Tel Aviv and which had not yet ended at press time.

The Government rejected a Histadrut demand to extend the moratorium until mid-July, but relented on the issue of pending wage negotiations, on which the Histadrut stood its ground. It agreed that such talks could take place, provided that the agreement thus reached would go into effect only after June.

According to the agreement, all prices are to be frozen except seasonal prices of fruit and vegetables.

No Government fees, including those for radio and television licences, would be raised during the freeze period, nor will local rates be raised.

The Government will make efforts to maintain the profitability of exports — though creeping devaluations will proceed at a slower pace. Incentives will be increased, especially for the group with the highest dollar value-added (80 per cent or more).

The deal is to be tabled in the Knesset. Should the legislature fail to approve it, the Government intends to implement the deal through Emergency Defence Regulations.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Histadrut secretary-general Yehoshua Rabinowitz and the Government insisted that the four-month freeze

night's talks held at the Prime Minister's Tel Aviv office. With industrialists having turned down the proposed package deal last week, the Government and Histadrut heads felt their own agreement would be reached quickly, but disagreement on wage negotiations during the moratorium period proved an obstacle.

The Cabinet yesterday appointed a negotiating team to meet with the Histadrut, with all but two ministers in favour.

The two objectors were Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, both of the ILP, who abstained. Hausner felt the freeze would solve no problems and would in fact increase the problem in the moratorium's aftermath. Kol objected to the deal as unclear. He said the Government had retreated on the labour front, and had no guarantee the deal would be adhered to, since apparently the Histadrut had little control over the workers.

Other ministers also had criticisms: Transport Minister Gad Yarkoni felt it came too late and was too narrow in scope. But he supported it as being better than no deal at all, in view of the economy's critical state. Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev warned that the freeze could not last more than three or four months. He had a bitter pill for the industrialists, saying they would have to absorb price increases of raw materials without increasing the prices of their products.

After hours of talks last night it appeared the package deal was not yet ready for conclusion, as the final — and major — stumbling block of wage negotiations had not been overcome. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and the Government insisted that the four-month freeze

would mean no wage talks; those already under way would have to be referred to the newly-established Institute for Voluntary Arbitration, headed by Justice Zvi Ben-Zion.

The Histadrut's negotiators would not accept this. They insisted that there be no disruption of contract talks. "We are dealing with people and their problems. Talks should not stop," Meshel told reporters last night.

Eventually, accord was reached. The no-talks demand was seen by informed circles as a concession of sorts to the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, headed by Manufacturers Association president Avraham ("Buma") Shavit — whom the Government still hoped to win over as partners in the package deal, to smooth the way for its passage through the Knesset.

There were no reactions to the four-month deal from most of the larger works committees or union chiefs by last night, except for Gustav Badian, head of the 15,000-strong engineers union, which is scheduled to strike Thursday. He considered the deal a "bad joke" which would serve no purpose.

A reaction from an Opposition leader came yesterday from the Likud's Simcha Ehrlich (Liberals), who told reporters the package deal was nothing but an elections smoke-screen, since neither of the partners would be able to implement it. The Government could not increase taxes anyway, as it could not muster a majority in the Knesset, he said, and the Histadrut's record on strikes was even poorer — 78 per cent of the strikes held last year were held despite opposition or lack of backing from the labour federation, he said.

The Histadrut Central Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday to approve the package deal. But observers doubted this would placate the more than 70,000 employees in various unions and declared labour disputes and are scheduled to strike in the coming days.

(See Labour Disputes, P. 2)

Asher Yadlin trial today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of Asher Yadlin will take place today at the Tel Aviv District Court. The suspended Kupa Holim chief, who has been in custody for nearly four months, is charged with accepting bribes worth a total of IL260,000. His sister, Sarah Yadlin, is also accused of taking bribes and of arranging a bribe for another person.

'Full understanding' from U.S. leaders, says Dinitz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Vice-President Walter Mondale have not yet formulated any definite plans for handling the Middle East dispute and will only get down to concrete terms after the leaders of the states in the area have visited Washington.

Reporting this to the Cabinet yesterday, Washington ambassador Simcha Dinitz said Carter and Mondale stressed that they would work hand in hand with Israel whatever course they decided to adopt.

The two U.S. leaders demonstrated full understanding for the country's situation and showed every concern for its security, Dinitz said. They had adopted a positive approach to Israel's demands about southern Lebanon, on increasing the aid allocation to Israel, and on denying the PLO representative the right to stay in the U.S., he said.

The American refusal to sanction sales of Kfir warplanes to Ecuador was part of President Carter's global policy on reducing arms sales to certain regions, and there was nothing anti-Israel in the step, Dinitz said. Carter's decision to delay the sale of the cluster bombs in order to review the entire matter was also part of a global policy, and not inimical in any sense, he said.

In both cases there was still hope that Israel would finally attain its objective, he believed. As regards cluster bombs, he told the Ministers, they had not been sold to any foreign country, not even in Nato. The U.S. itself was not sure whether its own armed forces should use the weapon.

Israel's chief negotiator said that it was the only purchaser country potentially at risk. The cluster bomb was not a "dirty weapon," Israel argued. Its user might be "dirty," but it was dropped on civilians, but as it happened, Israel needed the cluster bomb most urgently for use against a legitimate military target — missile batteries.

U.S. won't reconsider Kfir deal just yet

Post Military Reporter

we were not even permitted to approach the area. Several sources contacted yesterday believed that the Israel request for permission to sell Ecuador the Kfir was turned down for two reasons: America is committed to a policy of not allowing advanced U.S. technology to reach South America, and the entire negotiating process was handled very poorly by Israel.

With regard to the first point it was pointed out that even though the Americans have suggested the F-5B to Ecuador, the plane is commonly called the "U.S. give-away" and void of any advanced systems and sophistication. American manufacturers were refused permission to send out feelers on planes such as the Phantom F-4, and it would have opened a Pandora's box with the American aviation industry. It was explained, if Israel had received permission to market the Kfir in Ecuador.

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It is understood that, at this stage, any further discussion on the re-export of American technology is senseless.

With regard to the sale of CU-72 cluster bombs to Israel — originally promised by the Ford Administration and now under re-appraisal by the State Department — Vance is expected to tell Israel leaders that no final stand has yet been taken.

It is expected that he will say that the final assessment on the sale will be made by the State Department only sometime after his return to the U.S. from the Middle East.

Premier's race 'wide open'

By JOSHUA BRILLANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Ten days before the Labour Party's convention nominates the party's candidate for the premiership, neither competitor is assured of a majority.

Associates of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres report meetings and declarations of support, but many delegates have not yet made up their minds, some waver, and some tell each candidate they will vote for him.

A source in Rabin's camp estimated that some 20 to 30 per cent of the candidates are not fully committed.

Meanwhile Labour Minister Moshe Baran and Knesset Members Adi Yaffe, Haviy Shinnim, Yehiel Lelet and some 100 delegates from the Jerusalem region called upon Rabin. The group's leaders and many of the participants declared support for Rabin for another term of office. Lelet, the new MK, said that Rabin "may unify the party and produce an electoral victory."

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Kreisky believes PLO now wants co-existence

Vienna, Austria — Austrian Chancellor Kreisky believes that the PLO now wants co-existence with Israel. He said in a speech to the Austrian Parliament today that the PLO's position has changed since its last meeting in 1974. Kreisky said that the PLO now wants to co-exist with Israel, and that he believes this is a positive development. He said that he would like to see a meeting between the PLO and the Israeli government to discuss the possibility of co-existence.

by Israel of the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes (if they so desire) or to receive compensation. The document said that the PLO was willing to accept an independent Palestine made up of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and two enclaves it named as Aqaba and Hamma. (These last appeared to refer to areas of northern Israel between the Golan Heights and the Beit She'an valley, which would provide a contiguous land link between the proposed mini-state and Syria.) Authoritative sources said the document was given to the Austrian chancellor by Issam Sartawi, of the PLO leadership, who was among the group which has met in Paris with Dr. Matti Peled, MK Arye (Lova) Elav and other members of the Committee for Israel-Palestine Peace.

Tel Aviv back, soon to resume talks with PLO in Paris

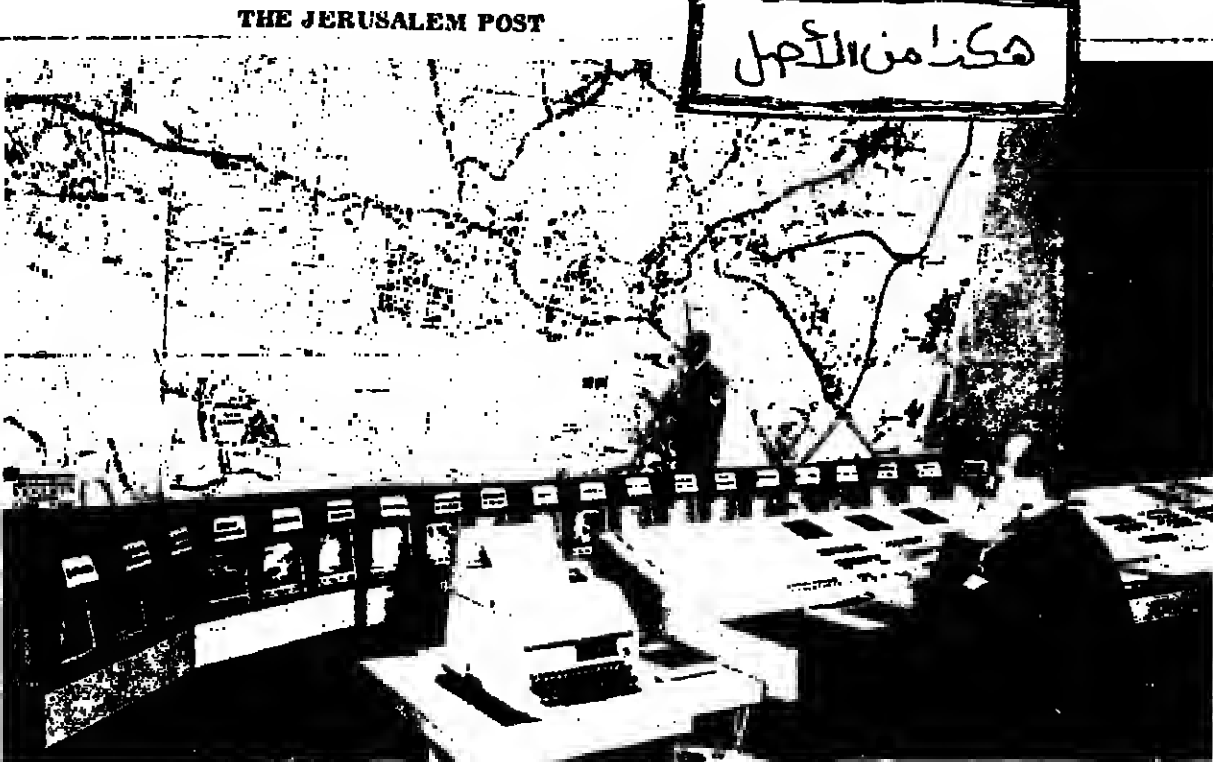
Left-wing Israelis and Palestinians have resumed meeting in Paris, with several delegations of the PLO and the Israeli government. The talks are being held in a hotel in Paris, and are expected to continue for several days. The Israeli delegation is led by Dr. Matti Peled, and the PLO delegation is led by Issam Sartawi. The talks are being held in a hotel in Paris, and are expected to continue for several days.

Council scheduled to begin on March 12 in Cairo. The session will deal with possible Palestinian participation in the Geneva peace talks, the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the creation of a provisional Palestinian government. (UPI) Our Middle East Editor adds: The Jordanian state radio yesterday broke Arab silence over the peace council dialogue by broadcasting an extensive report of the talks, including the dates of meetings and the names of the participants involved. The intention of the broadcast is believed to have been to "expose" PLO elements, who have been promoting negotiations with Israelis independently of the Arab governments concerned with the Middle East conflict — Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

A BOMBS JEWISH FINANCIER'S HOME

Life taken by a bomb in the latest Irish Republican Army attack on the Jewish community. A man was killed and several others injured when a bomb exploded in the front of his house in the life insurance area of north Belfast. The suspected IRA planted the device, and a number of people had time to alert the police before it exploded.

It was the fifth attack on leading businessmen in Northern Ireland last week, in what the IRA has described as a new offensive against "the economic pawns of British imperialism." British manager Jeffrey Agate of the U.S.-owned Dupont synthetic fibre factory in Londonderry was shot dead last week. Some days later gunmen attacked the homes of laundry owner Sir William McKimney and Alistair McManus, the owner of a chain of shoe shops. McManus is still in hospital with a bullet wound in the neck. Sir William escaped unhurt.



The control room of the computerized traffic-light system in the city of Hamburg, West Germany.

Tel Aviv is to get a similar one in June.

Tel Aviv traffic lights to be controlled by IL5m. computer

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A IL5m. computerized traffic-light system will go into operation in Tel Aviv in June, using closed-circuit television to control the flow of vehicles, Deputy Mayor David Shifman announced yesterday.

The new system, to be completed by September, is expected to improve the flow of traffic in Tel Aviv particularly during rush hours, Shifman said. Shifman said the new system will be used with the existing traffic lights. He said the city now spends IL5m. a year for repairs, maintenance and replacement of traffic lights. The deputy mayor also revealed that the city is changing bus routes to redirect them from residential to nearby commercial streets. Asked whether the computerized traffic system would work during heavy rain or in a Hammin, Shifman merely shrugged his shoulders. (The present system regularly breaks down.) Shifman said there were no plans in the future for a streetcar or subway system.

Rahav new Ports Authority head

Jerusalem Post Reporter The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Yitzhak Rahav as director-general of the Israel Ports Authority, on the recommendation of Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. The appointment takes effect March 15.

Yitzhak Rahav was deputy O.C. Israel Navy. He ran Haifa port for six years, and has been deputy director-general of the Ports Authority for the past six months.

B'nai B'rith man urges new policy group

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — B'nai B'rith international president David Blumberg is unhappy about the present state of Israel-Diaspora consultations and is alarmed at the attempts by some Diaspora leaders to conduct a parallel foreign policy to that of Israel.

He proposes a new consultative body to formulate policies affecting international issues. Blumberg said such a body should "meet in secret and without undue publicity." He is sure it would have considerable influence, because such a forum would have the government's ear and be "truly representative of world Jewry."

The American Jewish leader believes that his proposed Israel-Diaspora forum would be similar to the Jewish Agency, "but different in that it would not be oriented to money."

Blumberg intends submitting his idea in more precise formulation to the executive bodies of B'nai B'rith in the near future. His organization, with an annual budget of \$20m., has a membership of 300,000 in 40 countries.

Blumberg believes that Jewish leaders in the Diaspora should not set themselves up as intermediaries with the Arabo, who should have to speak directly to Israel.

The B'nai B'rith leader is opposed to the idea of Diaspora leaders going on trips to Cairo as part of a bid to push a parallel Jewish foreign policy. He added the rider that Philip Klutznick of the World Jewish Congress (whom Nahum Goldmann has mentioned as leading his delegation to Egypt) was a known expert on Middle East affairs. However, he went on, "If I was asked to go, I would most definitely refuse."

Blumberg stressed that any official invitation of this kind "must be strictly above board" and must definitely be in coordination with the Government of Israel.

"Under the present circumstances the arrival of such a Jewish delegation in Cairo would only be useful for Arab propaganda," Blumberg declared.

He spoke of continuing consultations in B'nai B'rith over the WJC offer that they affiliate. Two meetings have taken place so far between them, but no decision has been made by B'nai B'rith as yet. Blumberg said. The matter will be taken up again in March when he meets Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Abis and Goldmann in Geneva to discuss the future of COJO, the Coordinating Committee of Jewish Organizations.

The B'nai B'rith president, here for an absorption conference, is highly critical of absorption procedures in Israel and fears that the enthusiasm aroused among American Jews for settling in Israel "is being destroyed by bureaucracy here."

Gaza council threatens to quit

By ZVI ARENSTEIN The Gaza municipality has threatened to resign by March 31 if the Government does not set a definite date for local elections in the Gaza Strip.

In a circular distributed by the municipality in Gaza last week, Moshe Dahan, an assistant to the Gaza Military Governor, was quoted as saying that Defence Minister Shimon Peres had "promised to study the matter. But the holding of elections requires governmental and legislative arrangements which might take months."

A spokesman for the Military Government said yesterday that, while the possibility of holding elections was being viewed "favourably," procedural problems were inevitable, as there had been no elections in the Strip since 1948.

The circular also carried a statement by Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa, threatening the municipal council's resignation unless provision is made "to give us some sort of local mandate."

Leaders on the West Bank have recently claimed that the Gaza municipality does not represent the local residents because it was appointed by the military authorities rather than chosen by the electorate. The municipality also declared its support for the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, but called on the PLO to broaden its representation to include Arabs from the Administered Territories.

(Shawa is known for his sympathy for King Hussein and support for a federation between the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and Jordan.)

EAST JERUSALEM merchants will henceforth be able to obtain guidance on their bookkeeping problems — in fact, to learn bookkeeping methods — at a new branch of the Bookkeeping Institute, opened for them by the Chamber of Commerce.

Kerosene bomb fails to explode

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unknown assailant threw a Molotov cocktail on Saturday night at a soldier waiting for a lift near the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. The device did not ignite and no one was hurt. The police, who said the bottle had been filled with kerosene, described it as an "amateur" attempt. There had been no arrests by yesterday evening.

Bomb at Athens Entebbe cinema

ATHENS. — A home-made bomb exploded early yesterday morning at a suburban cinema showing "Raid on Entebbe," and a second bomb was found in another theatre, a spokesman for the Public Order Ministry said.

Invitation to pick through J'lem's garbage

Jerusalem, which has shared with the world the loftiest spiritual ideas, is about to offer it the privilege of sifting through its garbage.

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

A tender for the first waste recycling plant in Israel is to be issued by the Municipality within a month. Zvi Ofer, head of the Municipal sanitation department, expressed the hope last week that a foreign or local investor would build the plant within a year-and-a-half.

The object of the plant would be to salvage metal, paper and other useful products which constitute the bulk of the city's garbage. It would save the city money, Ofer says, in addition to becoming a profitable operation in itself. It would also return to the national economy raw materials at present imported at considerable cost in foreign currency.

Ofer estimates that, each year, 5700 tons of metal could be salvaged in Jerusalem alone by recycling. The bulk of this would come from the 2,000 junked cars which are buried each year. In addition, Ofer says, there could be an annual salvaging of 12,000 tons of paper, 4,000 tons of glass, 900 tons of textile and 500 tons of wood.

According to a Municipal study, a recycling plant in Jerusalem would earn IL2.5m. gross annually at 1975 prices, a profit in which the Municipality would expect to share. The cost of setting up such a plant at 1975 prices was estimated at IL8.5m.

The city collects 300-400 tons of garbage a day and buries it in a landfill operation soon to be shifted from Azariya to Abu Dis, both just outside the eastern border of the city. Collection and disposal costs the city some IL40m. annually.

A recycling plant, Ofer says, would have its own limited collection facilities. It would pick up paper, for instance, from paper collection bins

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North border settlements go it together

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — An organization of "confrontation settlements" was founded here yesterday at a meeting in the Town Hall.

The organization, to include Jewish Druse and Circassian towns and villages, was announced by delegates from Mtsula, Kiryat Shmona, Yesud Hama'ala and Hurfeish, who said they had the backing of other Upper Galilee settlements. The chairman of the gathering, Deputy Mayor Shlomo Ohana, of Kiryat Shmona, said the group was apolitical, and would include settlements belonging to every movement or organization.

However, he pointed out, it would not include the Upper Galilee Regional Council, which includes settlements distant from the border.

The group said it would work to obtain for Druse and Circassian villages the same benefits and conditions granted to Jewish settlements in the region. This was welcomed by the head of Hurfeish's Local Council, Mahmoud Sabek, who said it was "high time the Druse villages worked together with their Jewish neighbours to achieve common goals."

Invitation to pick through J'lem's garbage

around the city. (These would replace the bins now serving the Soldier's Welfare Fund says Ofer.) It would pick up metal products directly from factories which dump waste metals. Such direct collection by the privately owned plant would save the city some IL4m. annually, Ofer says.

At the plant, set up adjacent to the landfill site, garbage brought by Municipal trucks would be dumped onto conveyor belts from which workmen would pick out salvageable material.

A previous attempt by the Jerusalem Municipality to turn garbage into gold failed in 1972 when the Danno plant which aimed at turning organic waste into compost was closed down after a year's operation. The immediate reason was that the plant was adjacent to French Hill and the residents at the new housing estate there objected to the odours. In addition, there had proved to be an insufficient market for compost to make the plant profitable.

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Cypriots cautious on new talks

NICOSIA. — Leaders of Cyprus Greek and Turkish communities yesterday predicted long and tough bargaining before a settlement of this island's long-standing inter-communal rivalry can be reached. But both Archbishop Makarios and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş sounded a note of guarded optimism following Saturday night's agreement on guidelines for resumed talks in Vienna late next month. UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who presided over the meeting between the two men at

President buried

NEW DELHI. — President Fakhrudin Ali Ahmed was buried with full state honours yesterday in the grounds of a small New Delhi mosque where he prayed regularly for many years. Pallbearers from the armed forces lowered the President's body, covered by the Indian flag, into the grave at a simple service attended by representatives from 27 countries including Lillian Carter, 78-year-old mother of the U.S. President. President Ahmed died here on Friday, aged 71. (Reuters)


N. Ireland bans banns in jail

DUBLIN. — Two of Ireland's most notorious top security prisoners, Bridget Rose Dugdale and Eddie Gallagher, have been refused permission to wed behind bars. Justice Minister Patrick Cossey refused the couple's request to meet and marry in prison. Both are serving long terms for terrorist offences. Dugdale, 36, an Oxford University graduate with a doctorate in philosophy from London University, gave birth to a son at Limerick prison three years ago. When the birth was registered, Gallagher was named as the father. The British beatus-turned-revolutionary is serving nine years for hijacking, art theft and other offences committed on behalf of the Irish Republican Army. (AP)

Egypt says Libya behind food riots

CAIRO. — A senior Egyptian official yesterday accused the Libyan government of Col. Mu'ammer Gaddafi of encouraging Communist subversion and teaming up with Moscow to launch a propaganda war in Egypt. The charge was triggered by a statement, issued by an organization calling itself the "Egyptian Liberation Front," claiming responsibility for last month's food price riots. The statement was broadcast on Saturday by the Libyan radio. "This statement, and the fact that it was broadcast by the Libyan radio, is a clear admission of the connection between the subversive activities launched against the Egyptian people by the rulers of Libya," the unnamed official who was quoted by "Al-Ahram" said. The Front, which was never heard of before, said in its statement it was "responsible for planning and organizing the uprising of January 18-19." (UPI)

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which the central government would share powers with two zones. The term "bi-communal" seemed to be a compromise, going some way to satisfy Turkish-Cypriot demands, observers said. The Archbishop said he felt the Turkish-Cypriot side had made serious concessions on the principles concerning discussion of territorial questions, referring to his demand for the return of a significant part of the nearly 40 per cent of Cyprus occupied by Turkish troops in 1974, and now inhabited by Turkish-Cypriots. Continuing differences between the two sides emerged repeatedly at the press conference. Makarios emphasized the idea of "unitary" state, while Denktaş objected to the word, saying it was not the same as a federal system. (Reuters)

Amin slaughters hundreds after abortive coup

NAIROBI. — Widespread unrest against the regime of President Idi Amin has resulted in the killing and arrest of Ugandan civilians and troops, diplomatic and news reports said yesterday. The "Observer" newspaper in London said hundreds of persons had been killed and arrested in a purge which began about a week ago after an abortive plot to kill Amin in late January. The report was filed by "Observer" Africa correspondent David Martin, who has close contacts with former Ugandan president Milton Obote and other Ugandan exiles, and who has previously filed stories of widespread unrest and atrocities in Uganda. Diplomatic sources, news reports and Ugandan exiles yesterday all confirmed there had been incidents in Uganda in recent weeks and continuing unrest against Amin, although there was no immediate confirmation of many of the details of the "Observer" story. In a story prepared for publication today, Nairobi's "Nation" said 35 civilians were killed last Friday in Northern Uganda and Amin had also arrested 35 non-commissioned officers, who had demanded a government reorganization. The "Nation" said the civilians — all members of the Acholi and Lango tribes, were killed in the Northern Uganda towns of Gulu, Lira and Apia, and subsequently 15 bullet-riddled bodies were found floating in the Malaba River.

The "Observer" said at least 116 civilians were killed in Gulu alone, apparently in the same incident reported by "Nation." The London newspaper said the purge began when Amin discovered a plot by "elements in the army" to kill him on January 26, the sixth anniversary of the coup which brought him to power. When news of the plan leaked out, the troops killed it off. Amin has survived numerous coup attempts in the past. The last one was in July, when would-be assassins buried three grenades at him at a police passing-out parade. One grenade hit him in the face and bounced away, wounding several persons nearby. (UPI)

SEA STRIKE — The Portuguese government introduced emergency measures on Saturday in an effort to force an end to a six-day strike by merchant seamen. A Labour Ministry order placed the strikers under the civil servants disciplinary code for the next 15 days and threatened them with dismissal if they do not return to work. ZOO EVACUATED — About 30,000 visitors were evacuated from Tokyo's Veno Zoo yesterday following two telephone calls that three bombs had been planted there, police said. Some 200 Zoo workers and 40 policemen searched the zoo after its third biggest crowd of the year was evacuated from four exits in 35 minutes but no bombs were found, police said.

EEC cool to Arab League demand for PLO acceptance

TUNIS. — Arab League and European Economic Community negotiators ended a session of their "Euro-Arab dialogue" yesterday after an all-night meeting that yielded only meagre results and failed to resolve differences on economic issues and the Palestinians. The divergences between the 20-member Arab League and the nine Common Market states emerged in a 23-page communiqué issued yesterday morning after the all-night bargaining. The EEC team, led by British Foreign Office Under-Secretary Riebard Faber, refused to meet Arab demands to bestow formal acknowledgement on the Palestine

Liberation Organization, although it accepts the presence of PLO members in the Arab delegation. The EEC, the communiqué showed, held firm to a previously stated view of the Palestinian case, short of formal acceptance of the principle of Palestinian statehood. The European side "restated its view that a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated in fact," the communiqué said. The representatives of the European countries, who had no decision-making power, did not pronounce themselves on four Arab proposals. Setting a date for a Euro-Arab meeting of the foreign affairs ministers. The organization of Euro-Arab consultations within the UN. The participation of Arab countries in the European Conference of Security and Cooperation which was scheduled to resume in Belgrade next month. The creation of an organization for consultations on the political aspects of the dialogue. (Reuters, UPI)

Pro-Nazi to sue

BONN. — West German Defence Minister Georg Leber is to be sued for defamation by Hans-Ulrich Rudel, German wartime flying ace and self-proclaimed Nazi sympathizer. In a parliamentary debate last week, Leber said as long as he was Defence Minister, Rudel would not be allowed on army premises again. The debate arose because of the dismissal of two leading German generals who allowed Rudel to participate in an air force reunion attended by trainee pilots last November. Rudel was subsequently guest speaker at the Munich neo-Nazi rally where Serge and Beate Klarsfeld were assaulted. (JTA)

'Russian woodpecker' bugs Europe's radio

By BERNARD NOSSITER, The Washington Post

COPENHAGEN. — A high-powered radio beam disrupting short-wave broadcasts all over northern Europe has been identified here as a new Soviet radar system that "bends" with the curvature of the earth. The beam is known as "the Russian woodpecker" in Britain because of the staccato drilling sound it makes. It appears to be coming from a site southeast of Minsk. According to Danish military intelligence, the system appears designed to pick up incoming low-flying aircraft or missiles that elude conventional radar screens. Two such targets, according to the Danes, would be the U.S. Cruise mis-

ECUADOR, PERU — AND THE KFIRS

THE AMERICAN "no" to Israel's sale of 24 Kfir jets to Ecuador has understandably aroused the anger of local manufacturers and caused disappointment to those seeking the expansion of our fledgling aviation industry. After all, it is plain good business sense that only exports make industry viable when a local market can take only so much of a product. Of course, the political implications of such a deal are much more wide-ranging and bring into focus all that is realistic and sordid in politics. But until we can lessen our dependence on U.S. financial and technological aid in arms manufacture and supply, our politicians can do little except exercise their powers of persuasion in Washington. The other aircraft deal we swung with Latin America, was with Honduras. It brought us better luck with the Americans; since it was a matter of a refurbished obsolete plane, albeit powered with an American engine, it got a reluctant nod of approval in Washington. It can now be said that Ecuador does have an option: in this case, buying the French Mirage F1 which ranks with the Kfir. So if the Ecuadorians opt for the F1, the American argument for not wanting Latin Americans to get sophisticated arms is rather hollow. The Latin Americans have a wide-open field — Britain, France and Russia — and the only limit is their ability to pay the price. So much for the Kfir and the Americans. We are now concerned about the reason Ecuador wants Israel's presumably superior Kfir, and we must go back to the previous century to understand something about this.



signed in January 1942 and underwritten by Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the U.S., solved the problem. The treaty placed Ecuador's frontiers north of the main Amazon basin on the upper navigable reaches of three Amazon tributaries, the Napo, Pastaza and Santiago. But Ecuador's claim is that its borders once included almost the entire upper basin south of the Marañon and Amazon rivers. Ecuador keeps this question alive, and the Ecuadorian Foreign Minister last year reasserted his country's claim at the UN General Assembly. This dispute goes back to the early 19th century. It must be remembered that such border troubles stem from the random manner in which the countries gained their independence from Spain. Under Spanish rule the separate areas had little sense of nationhood and borders were mapped according to geographical convenience.

BY COMPARISON, the present borders of the independent nations in Africa remain the way the former colonial rulers arbitrarily drew them to suit their own purposes during the mad scramble

in the 19th century for pieces of the edifice. In South America, as the nations grew political sophistication, so too did their feeling of nationalism and economic necessity. And border disputes followed as a natural course. Ecuador was part of the Greater Colombia Confederation with Colombia, Panama, Venezuela under Simon Bolivar, but broke away in 1830, a year after Ecuador and Peru fought over the border. There were two other wars in 1858 and 1910 which, however, saw little fighting in the continuing process of trying to agree the final border treaty. Then, at the time the world was occupied by World War II and when Hitler was continuing a triumphal march in Europe, fighting broke out between the two countries in 1941. Whatever the respective merits of the case, the two sides, it is obvious in this day and age that Ecuador cannot aspire to retrieving territory it claimed in the 19th century. But what it does want now is a sovereign corridor to the Amazon River which could give it an outlet to its petroleum to Brazil. Which brings us back to our original theme Ecuador's desire to purchase Kfir jets.

WITHOUT GOING into the internal politics of Peru, we know that it is acquiring 36 of Russia's most modern warplanes, the swingwing Sukhoi and that it is also buying four new frigates. Perhaps the Soviet Union did this as a display of faith in Peru's revolutionary potential. For its part, Ecuador is due to take delivery up to 12 British Jaguar fighter-bombers (certainly a sophisticated plane) as well as two German submarines. Last year it was reported that Ecuador was in the market for modern intercepter planes. Then last month, "Aviation and Space Technology", the reputable American journal disclosed that Ecuador and Israel Aircraft Industries had signed a contract for the delivery of 24 Kfirs. It may be only a coincidence, but the Jaguars and 24 Kfirs match the total of 36 Soviet jets which are going to Peru. Nobody pretends that the border dispute can be a cause for a new war, but it could be that leaders of both sides are taking no chances. Ecuador and Peru have said that their arm purchases are not for warlike purposes but solely for replacing obsolete weaponry. Common sense would certainly dictate that they should do so by buying — if not the best then the next best equipment.

IN BRIEF

Sunday banking LONDON. — Sunday banking got its first try in Britain when Bank Leumi opened its doors from 10:30 to 12:30 and had more than 100 customers. "The idea was to provide a service for our customers, and it seems a tremendous success," said branch manager Michael Levine. The Israel-owned bank is at Golders Green, a largely Jewish district in North-West London. (AP)

Iran ammo imports WASHINGTON. — Almost 40 per cent of U.S. exports of ammunition is destined for Iran, Congressman Les Aspin said in a statement due to be released today. Aspin, a Wisconsin Democrat, questioned "whether Iran needs that much ammo for legitimate training purposes and defence stocks." In a press statement, he added that in addition to the 40 per cent destined for Iran, 16 per cent of the ammunition exports were labelled for Israel, eight per cent for Saudi Arabia, and five per cent for Greece. (AP)

Sudan seeks to join Egypt-Syria entente BEIRUT. — The tripartite Arab summit conference of Egypt, Syria and the Sudan scheduled in Khartoum for February 27 will consider Sudan's request to join the unified political leadership between Syria and Egypt, Sudanese prime minister Rashid Al-Tahar said yesterday. (UPI)

UK 'saving face' LUSAKA. — Zambian Foreign Minister Sike Mwale yesterday accused Britain of trying to "save face" by claiming that the Soviet Union and four East European states were trading with Rhodesia in violation of UN sanctions. Mwale said that Britain had persistently violated sanctions since their imposition following Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1965.

Killer arrested ROME. — Police yesterday arrested an alleged neo-Fascist wanted on charges of killing a prominent Rome judge last July. Police said they found Pierluigi Comcutelli along with some weapons and ammunition in a flat here. Responsibility for the shooting of Judge Vittorio Occorsio was claimed by the outlawed neo-Fascist group "Ordine Nuovo" (New Order). (Reuters)



OUT OF STATE. — Young Patricia Dimino came all the way from Bradenton, Florida, to say hello to President Carter as he took a stroll through downtown Plains, Georgia, on Saturday. It was the first time the President had visited his home town since his inauguration three weeks ago. (AP radiophoto)

'Copter parts swindle reports probed in U.S.

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said on Saturday — that it was investigating reports that substandard parts were sold to helicopter fleets serving such leaders as Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the Shah of Iran and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. The FAA was commenting on a "Washington Post" report alleging a scandal over potentially substandard material sold to a number of foreign countries for their civilian and military helicopter fleets. Replacement of the parts, the paper said, would cost \$100m. The "Post," quoting an industry informant whom it did not name, said the military fleets serve NATO forces. The paper said the parts were

manufactured by U.S. firms which did not know the required specifications and were then given markings and certificates by another firm alleging them to be genuine parts from reputable helicopter manufacturers, such as Bell or Sikorsky. It quoted helicopter industry officials as saying that if the charges were true, it could force the grounding of hundreds of European military helicopters. The FAA said it opened a probe several weeks ago, but would have no further comment. (Reuters)

Turkish hijacker caught on ground

ANKARA. — A single hijacker took over a Turkish Airline passenger plane for several hours yesterday was captured by security forces, Communications Minister Nihat Metne announced here. The plane, a DC-9 jetliner with passengers, was on a flight to Istanbul to the Aegean port city Izmir. The hijacker, identified as Asil Mintas, a police academy student brandished a gun and grabbed one of the hostesses as hostage when the plane was about to land in Izmir. He explained that Mintas entered the cockpit and ordered chief pilot to fly to Zagreb, Yugoslavia. When the pilot protested, say he was already about to land in Izmir, Mintas shot both the hostess and pilot. Neither was seriously wounded, Mintas said. The pilot and the co-pilot were to land the plane at the Cigli mill airport in Izmir, where the aircraft was surrounded by troops and policemen. (AP, New)

Dutch complete Menten inquiry in the Ukraine

MOSCOW. — Dutch officials investigating war crime allegations against Dutch millionaire Pi Menten have completed their inquiries in the Soviet Union and flown on to Poland. "To submit charges, prosecutor of the Netherlands has at his disposal sufficient evidence against Menten," the Tass agency quoted one Dutch official, Germanus van Duren, as having said. Van Duren, the vice president of the Amsterdam regional court, the Dutch delegation investigated charges that Menten ordered the killing of 300 persons while at war with Nazi forces in a German occupied area of the Ukraine. The delegation took evidence from survivors in the villages of Uric Podgorodny. Menten, 78, is being held in Netherlands. He fled to Switzerland last year, but was returned by authorities.

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American wins event
at opening of Bridge Festival

TEL AVIV. — Dankman of the U.S. won the individual tournament in the 11th International Israel Bridge Festival Saturday night with 1,242 points. The prize — a leather coat.

Dankman is one of about 60 foreign guests at this year's festival. In all, 61 tables were in play in the single-session individual tournament, first event of the festival.

Second through sixth place went to Tahori of Herzliya (1,233 points), Katz of Tel Aviv (1,200), Brodie of Herzliya (1,157), Shrik of Netanya (1,172) and Novak of Tel Aviv (1,154).

In the individual tournament every player played three deals with each of eight different partners. All deals were duplicated across the field.

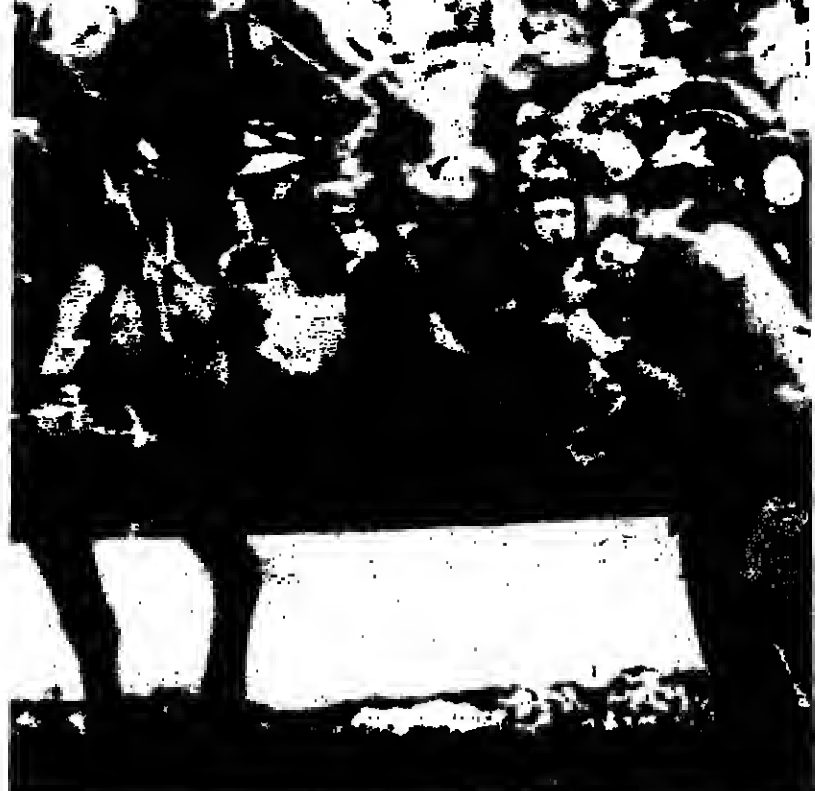
Reuben Kunin, president of the Israel Bridge Federation, warmly

welcomed the guests from abroad. They include the team from Iran which, at the last festival, won the team-of-four contest against 63 teams; Baron von Dewitz from Germany, who has participated in previous Israeli festivals; the Cape Town team of four; Hoffman of England, who is leader in the bridge circuit sponsored by Philip Morris and hopes to advance his rank through the open-pairs tournament.

Missing this year are Riki Markus and Harold Franklin of England, both of whom had previous bridge commitments.

The festival is directed this year by Yisrael Erdemhan of Tel Aviv, who is assisted by Athol Finkelstein of Netanya.

The festival continued yesterday evening with the first of a two-session mixed-pairs event.



Police subdue an unruly spectator in London's Stamford Bridge Stadium on Saturday during a hotly-contested soccer match between Chelsea and Millwall. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, but not before more crowd violence, including the stabbing of a policeman. (AP radiophoto)

Tnuva turnover turns up

By YITZIAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The turnover of Tnuva last year increased to IL5,345b. from IL5,785b. in 1975. These figures include government subsidies.

The increase was due mainly to price rises of all Tnuva products, although there also was an increase in the number of products sold. The turnover in milk sales was IL4,57b. in 1976, compared with IL4,15b. in 1975, an increase of 36.6 per cent.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning concert — Handel: Concerto in D-flat Major for 2 Horns; Mendelssohn: Flute Concerto (Gazelloni); Mozart: Divertimento in D. K.128 (J. Mueli); Schubert: Rosamunde Overture; Beethoven: Cello Sonata; No. 3 in A Major (Rostropovich); Richter: Caga Phillips; Dream; Schumann: Introduction and Allegro Appassionato, Op. 92 (Barenboim); Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 in D Major, Op. 95

10.05 Programme announcements

10.35 Radio story: "Leader of the People" by John Steinbeck

12.05 Noon concert — Bracha Eden, Alexander Tamir, Duo Pianists

12.30 Back-Roger Brandenburg Concerto No. 2; Schenker: Fantasy; In F Minor; Debussy: Petite Suite; Solomon: 2 Movements from Sephardic Suite

14.05 Light Classical Music

15.01 Am Yisrael Hal — monthly magazine on Jewish Communities in Israel abroad

15.05 Lesson in spoken Arabic

15.35 Notes on a new book

16.10 Music from China

16.30 (Stereo): "The Good and the Beautiful" — a selection of new classical records which listeners will be asked to rate according to choice

18.05 Gideon Rosenzweig talks about the symphony

20.45 (Stereo): Peter Pears, tenor; Orian Ellis, harp — Morning Hymn; Humphrey: Hymn to God Father; Purcell: 8 Songs; Parry: Sonata for Harp; Britten: Canticle V; Schumann: Symphony No. 1 in B Major (Vienna Philharmonic, Zubin Mehta)

22.05 Literary programme

22.10 Radiodrama: "The Lovers" by Brian Farrell

23.35 Programme announcements

CINEMAS

Tel Aviv Cinemas 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

Albany: Marathon Man; Ben Yehuda; Mr. Klein; Cinema One; The Arsenal; The Foot House; With Arthur Hill, Lee Majors and Christine Matchett

21.00 Mahat newsreel

21.30 Treasure Hunt: Live guessing game on the history of the Yishuv and the State. Yitzhak Shmuni moderates

22.30 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 12.30

ABC's Wide World of Sports. 18.30

News in Hebrew. 20.05 News in Arabic. 20.30 Doc. 21.10 Victorian Scandals. 22.00 News in English. 22.15 Police Woman.

*Shows with asterisks are also on TV 3.

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs

13.00 Jazz concert

13.10 Light classical music

17.54 Road safety

18.05 Economics and Business

18.45 Bible Reading: Jeremiah 41, 42

20.05 Gideon Levi-Avi's weekly column, including interview of the Week

21.05 The Boston Wind Ensemble presents selections by Beethoven, Korngold, Schubert and Strauss

22.05 On Jews and Judaism

22.05 Above and Beyond — Actor Odio Tzumi talks about mystical experiences

23.05 Night games with Shmuel Shai and Ze'ev Aser

Army Radio

12.05 Special requests

12.45 "Pittsburgh Minutes" — a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world

13.05 An hour with Hava Alsterstein

14.05 The songs of John Lennon

15.05 "The 20th Century" — Dan Heineberg, 1907-70: Paintings from Thailand: Past and Present; Mesopotamia; At the Rockefeller: Roman Mosaic Pavement from Nabulus, 3rd-4th Century C.E. Special exhibit: Silver Treasures of Achaemenes IV (Epiphaneas); 175-164 BCE: Jewellery from a Roman tomb, Jerusalem, late 2nd/early 3rd Cent. C.E.

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The economy in cold storage

WHAT WAS to have been a tri-partite package deal designed to tide the country over a critical period, seemed to be reduced last week to a bi-partisan agreement when the manufacturers declined to put their hand to it. Then the Histadrut, too, had second thoughts.

The Histadrut is naturally reluctant voluntarily to become party to an agreement which, according to Treasury demands, is to freeze not only wages but even talks about them. Furthermore when the package is unpeeled the freeze on dividends (most of which have already been distributed) and on profits (which are as yet unknown even to those who make them) has little content, while the price freeze can at best only be partial. There remains, therefore, the freeze on taxes and on wages.

The Knesset is unlikely to authorize any tax increases in the next few months, so that only local taxes remain to be frozen. Regarding wages, some agreements have already been signed and will not be subject to the freeze. These agreements affect the relatively privileged among public employees. Their gains will only anger those who will be left out of the race for the time being.

The Histadrut Central Committee is to meet next Thursday to debate the freeze agreement. On that same day, several tens of thousands of public employees have called for a strike. In these circumstances the Histadrut is understandably reluctant to go along with the government proposals and run the risk of being flouted by its rank and file.

The wage-price freeze could, of course, work if the Histadrut cooperates. It could be a legitimate means to decelerate the rate of inflation and restore a measure of stability. But to serve that end, it would have to be part of a more comprehensive programme of action and would have to be spelled out in detail. As a stop-gap measure, in which the uncertainties are many while there is only one certainty — a wage freeze for those who have not succeeded, like the Bank of Israel employees, for example, at the last moment — it will be eyed with suspicion by all and with trust by none.

The freeze should be more than a proposal to put our economic problems in cold storage for three months. It should be supplemented by an outline of policy looking beyond May 15. And to persuade employees to accept it without the need to invoke court orders, it must be more specific than the generalities of the national budget.

It is unrealistic to think of imposing the freeze by law or decree, as has been discussed by the Government. There must be negotiation and persuasion so that the freeze, if it is implemented will be based on a minimum of consensus and confidence.

To achieve that the Government will have to state clearly how the freeze will be thawed out.

Diplomacy scores

IF ALL GOES WELL, the military situation at and around the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiya will be restored to the status quo ante within hours of the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Jerusalem tomorrow. In other words, the town and its environs will be cleared of Syrian troops acting as soldiers of the all-Arab peacekeeping force; and their place will be taken by local Lebanese units.

The removal of the Nabatiya "misunderstanding" — as it was once termed by Defence Minister Shimon Peres — is indeed timely. It would surely have been unfortunate if Mr. Vance had to start his maiden official voyage to the area with a discussion of a matter which in itself, though not in its implications, is really trifling. American diplomats who had been serving as intermediaries between Israel and Syria saw to it that this did not happen.

The result, as these diplomats have been careful to point out, is not an agreement, which carries a connotation of studied formality, but strictly an "understanding." This, however, should do for the purpose.

The entire incident began some three weeks ago through a violation by the Syrians of what Israel — and presumably the U.S. as well — had earlier perceived to be a clear mutual understanding. This had two aspects. First, Syria would not make any major military move southward in Lebanon without communicating its intention to Israel through the U.S. Secondly, Syrian troops would not cross the "red line" demarcated by Israel across southern Lebanon.

It may well be that Israel had erred in failing to define that "red line" more clearly on the map — although it was also made plain that the line had components which were not strictly geographical.

Whatever the case, there can no longer be any misunderstanding as to where that somewhat elusive line actually runs: it runs from Sidon on the Mediterranean to Jezzine near the Syrian border. The area south of this line is considered an Israel security belt, where neither Syrian military nor Palestinian terrorists are admissible.

In their public statements, of course, Syrian leaders would not acknowledge formal acceptance of any such limitation by Israel. President Hafez Assad has taken special care to shift the burden of any responsibility for decisions on the moves of Syrian troops onto the frail shoulders of Lebanon's Syrian-appointed President Elias Sarkis.

To be sure, Nabatiya is just one symptom in a much larger problem which remains unsolved. This is the problem of the Syrian presence in Lebanon. Israel reluctantly agreed to the Syrian intervention on the ground that it was a lesser evil, and on the understanding that it would be temporary. But Israel should not be expected to resign itself with equanimity to the prospect of a Syrian *Annexation* with Lebanon, under whatever guise.

The new arms embargo

The U.S. ban on the export of the Kfir fighter plane will harm Israel's defence capability, and is not likely to

benefit the U.S. itself in any conceivable way, says Post economic editor MEIR MERHAV.

NOT A FEW Israelis have always considered this country's participation in the international arms trade with a measure of distaste. Many consider it a necessary evil, rather than the development of just one more export branch which can and should be promoted without scruple.

The United States' refusal to permit the export of the Kfir to Ecuador touches upon one of the most fundamental issues of U.S.-Israel relations. The formal grounds for that refusal, namely that the Kfir is equipped with an American engine, are irrelevant to the issue. Bluntly put, it is within the power of the U.S. to embargo any exports of arms from Israel, whether or not they contain American components or technology.

At issue are the basic premises of American support of Israel. In the arms race with its enemies, Israel is forced to compete not only with the Soviet Union, but also with massive arms sales by France, England and the U.S. itself. All these armaments, irrespective of whether they are sold to "confrontation countries" or to "non-confrontation countries" such as Saudi Arabia or Libya, can be massed at short notice against Israel. A tiny nation with limited resources must, therefore, confront the quantitative military might of a superpower, at least so far as conventional arms are concerned.

Although it has been forced into escalation, Israel has long limited

itself in this arms race by accepting a more or less fixed ratio of quantitative inferiority. It has done so in reliance upon its qualitative superiority, both in terms of manpower and of technological ability.

That qualitative superiority in which we trust has several components. It has to do with a more advanced educational system, with greater national cohesion, with a higher level of motivation and with greater organizational and technical ability. With regard to some of these elements, there is no assurance that we shall be able to maintain the same lead which we have had in the past. With regard to others, the sheer quantitative advantage of our opponents and their allies may assume a qualitative aspect. It may as well be remembered, for example, that the Yom Kippur War has shown that our enemies may, under certain circumstances, attain a high level of motivation.

Our technological superiority, which perhaps cannot be so easily matched as other factors involved, depends crucially upon Israel's ability to produce at least part of the vital armaments it needs. The cost of that production, in turn, depends upon its scale, and the scale depends upon the ability to export a certain proportion of the arms produced.

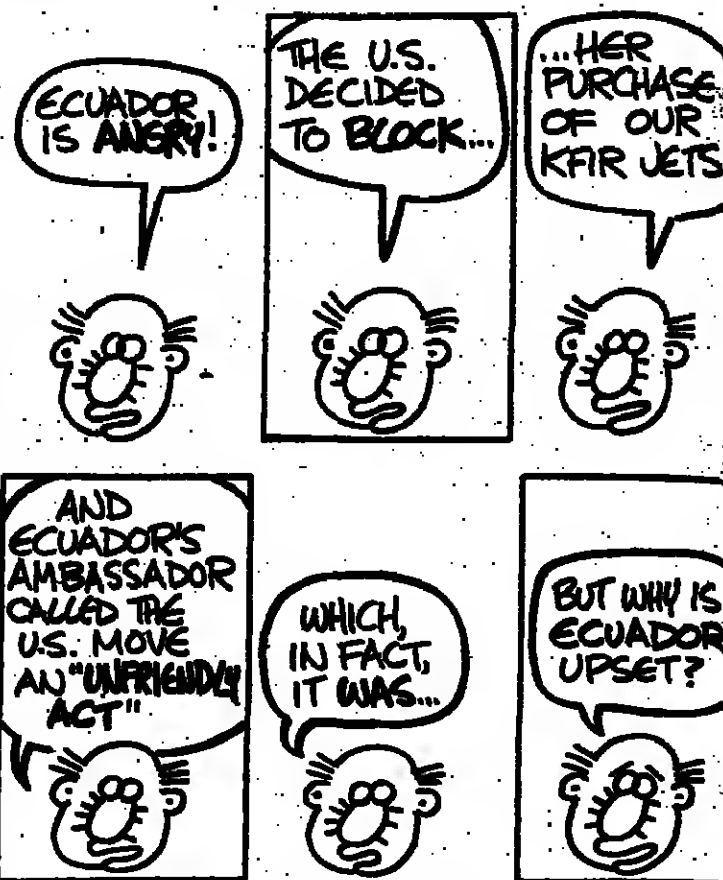
HERE IS where the technological dimension of our defence capability ties in with its economic dimension. It would be presumptuous to tell the

U.S. where its own long-term interests lie. The U.S. is the best judge of that. It is, however, appropriate to point out to the U.S. how its action in regard to the Kfir will be interpreted in Israel.

The banning of Israeli arms sales abroad is seen by many as a straightforward attempt to increase Israel's dependence upon American arms supplies — as a possible lever for applying political pressure. The argument that the embargo on the export of the Kfir has its grounds in the reluctance of the U.S. to assist an armaments escalation in Latin America convinces few Israelis, who are all too aware of the realities of international competition in the weapons trade. The argument that such exports exploit unfairly, as it has been put in some quarters — American production for Israel's defence needs is involved. There may be more components, at the expense of less finished products.

The question at hand is whether the U.S. will allow Israel to become economically more self-supporting and whether Israel will be given the

Dry Bones



means to retain the one and only answer it can have for the time being to Arab quantitative superiority: the maintenance of its technical lead. The two are inseparably linked together. Compensatory financial aid, however welcome, can be no substitute.

The U.S. may well ponder how far the limitations it wishes to impose upon Israel can be carried out in practice before the inner logic of events and inescapable needs lead to the development of alternatives aside the framework of existing mal constraints. Israelis cannot recall that the Kfir itself fattered by the French arms bargo in 1967.

POSTSCRIPTS



CARTOONIST "Drybones" receives a lot of fan-mail, but he is likely to treasure most the letter he received the other day from Mr. Pat Henry, Chief Experimental Test Pilot of the McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis.

The letter runs as follows: "This copy of your cartoon from The Jerusalem Post is enclosed to introduce myself. I'm the McDonnell pilot who flew the airshow when the F-15 arrived last month."

"The purpose of this letter is to compliment you on your humour and insight. A newspaper clipping of the cartoon was mailed to me from Tel Aviv by one of the McDonnell Aircraft representatives living in your country, and supporting the Eagle. Everyone knowledgeable about the first F-15 delivery has enjoyed the cartoon immensely because they all know the many difficulties we had to overcome, on both sides of the world, to even stage an arrival demonstration."

"You, of course, could not have known of all this controversy surrounding this event, but your cartoon appeared to have total insight nonetheless."

MUSIC can soothe the savage beast, as we all know. It seems that it can also help the growth process in plants.

Indian botanist Prof. T.C.N. Singh has found that *ragas* played on this flute or the violin are the most effective but that too much of a good thing — more than half an hour a day of a single *raga* makes the plants wither. The rhythm of Bharata Natyam, the classical South Indian dance, accompanied by music, had the same effect on daisies, marigolds and petunias. Apparently, repeated musical stimulation affects positive changes in the arrangement of chromosomes in plant cells, with "musically excited" mimosa plants passing on their newly acquired growth qualities to their offspring."

Not content with flowers, the professor went on to experiment with farm crops. He extended his field work to take in oats in Australia, wheat in Canada and maize, onions and tobacco in the United States. Increased yields of between 15 and 65 per cent were recorded.

The music chosen for the trials in India included *ragas* as *Bhadi* in *Sonata* in G Minor and D Minor. Half-hour broadcasts from loudspeakers placed between three and 15 metres from the plant were made once daily after sunrise. T.D.

READERS' LETTERS

D.M.C. IDEALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article of February 3, Asher Maniv accuses the Democratic Movement for Change of attaching greater importance to the technical means of achieving political aims than to the aims themselves. What is required, he suggests, is more "public vision and social values," and since Mr. Maniv is a devoted supporter of the Alignment, he presumably expects the vision and values to be provided by the Alignment, by the same hand of leaders who have brought Israel to its present state.

It seems to me and to a growing number of other Israelis that we don't lack vision or values, but people who believe in them and intend to implement them. There is nothing very much wrong with the Alignment platform. It is only that it's leaders do not carry out the principles that they supposedly uphold.

Even in its few months of existence, the DMC has brought about changes on the Israeli political scene. Its devotion to internal democracy, whereby the rank-and-file members of a party decide on party leadership and policies, has caused the rank-and-file members of other parties to demand at least some of the rights enjoyed by members of the DMC. Its upholding of constituency elections has finally moved a lethargic Knesset to do something about them. Its openness to people and ideas have brought to its ranks thousands of Israelis who,

until now, had given up on politics, assuming that the party bosses and their cronies had a monopoly on power and influence.

Who would have believed only a few months ago that in Israel where parties traditionally supported themselves by slipping into the public till — we would see a party financially supported by its members, who are not clamouring for material advantages, but for an improvement in the quality of Israeli life?

This doesn't represent a retreat from what Maniv terms "the old-fashioned national and social ideals." On the contrary, it shows that they can be implemented in an sphere of public life; and if the DMC maintains its present momentum, they will be implemented in other spheres, as well after the May elections.

Rehovot. NECHERIA MEYERS

ALTERNATIVES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On May 17, the population of Israel will elect a new government. The choice is a crucial one, not only for the Israelis, but can affect the very future of World Jewry.

The alternatives are, on the one hand, almost definite war, or the possibility of a move towards peace: war brought about by the present short-sighted policy of appeasement, indecisiveness, lack of confidence and the repartitioning of our homeland; the possibility of peace through a courageous policy of strength, determination to set reasonably defensible borders which will make the Arabs realize the benefit of living in peace with Israel.

The alternatives are corruption, bureaucracy and a complete economic breakdown, or a system which will liberate the Israeli economy from the bonds that are constricting it. It will encourage foreign investment, maximum efficiency in the field of economics by a free mixture of private enterprise and government-sponsored ventures.

We Jews in the Diaspora cannot vote, but we plead with you, the Israeli electorate, do not perpetuate the government of disaster by Mapai — vote Likud and so enable the Zionist dream to march on, make Israel an economically viable state, make aliyah not just a dream but a reality.

ERIC GRAUS, President, Herut Movement of Great Britain London.

YOUR PREJUDICES ARE SHOWING!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was disgusted by the calculated public relations trick of several Christian clergymen whereby they obviously hoped to harass the Jewish polity in Jerusalem. In their letter to "The Times," they draw a parallel with a mythical situation in Bethel Green, but this comparison may not be as complimentary to their case as they suppose.

As a former resident of Bethel Green, I can attest that anti-Semitism was rife in the East End of London before World War II, and this has been well documented (see "Fascism in Britain" by Colin Cross). Jewish shops were smashed and Jews were beaten up. While the authorities did not officially discriminate against Jews, the police in the area were notoriously infiltrated by the Union movement. As a result of this situation, many Jews were forced to move elsewhere.

In the 1950-60's, the East End was being rebuilt and evictions orders were served on residents in mainly

Jewish areas. They were forced to accept them, often to their financial detriment as in one case I know, result of the government's "eminent domain." Neither Jewish nor Christian clergy sent letters to the press then, because apparently no one was motivated by a desire to take advantage of the situation to stir up public controversy. The use of "eminent domain" to resettle Arabs, living in poverty in the Old City, in better accommodations is a comparable situation to that existing in the East End at that time. One notable difference, however, is the fact Jews were previously totally on from the Old City by force, murder, and their quarter systematically destroyed.

Where were these churches, their protests then? Apparently they are only motivated to protest when the balance is being restored. Your Reverences, prejudices are showing!

JACK S. ODE, Rehovot.

STIGMATIZING CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A distasteful numbers game is going on at present at Government level, in municipal offices in Jerusalem and in the press concerning the ratio of so-called "disadvantaged" pupils to "high-level" ones: schools with over 40, 60 or even up to 81% per cent are branded not suitable for children from families of Western origin "who are not culturally deprived." What snobbery!

From my personal experience with quite a few "disadvantaged" children, I can testify that many of them are bright and have the same potential for education, learning and

personal development as children, not relegated to this category. They are excellent material as citizens and leaders. The only which may spoil their chances and in Israeli society is knowledge that, without being a choice, they attend a school has been branded and has reputation of being a school for "disadvantaged."

Parents of Western origin school authorities must cease ing our bright children (irrespective of the countries of origin of parents) the scapegoat of political aims and intrigues. DR. WOLF S. MATZ, Jerusalem.

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HATZOFE (National Religious Party) writes in its second editorial that Dr. Waldheim represents the pro-Arab stand of the UN General Assembly and therefore cannot act as a mediator. The paper goes on to say that with the PLO leaders demanding a

"secular state in all parts of Palestine" and Sadat threatening a new war with Israel if she does not withdraw from "all the conquered territories," the Arabs are not prepared for negotiations without prior conditions.

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